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***Internships Demonstrate Value of Business/Education Partnership***

Oregon's Civil Engineering Cooperative Program (CECOP) demonstrates the value of an effective business/education partnership. This program pairs students from Oregon State University (OSU), Portland State University (PSU) and Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) with local agencies and companies, providing internships and real-world experience for the students, engineering resources for local agencies, program depth for universities and better-trained graduates for the engineering profession. This year, the Public Works Department is continuing its longstanding relationship with CECOP by bringing in three CECOP interns.

Eric Goodall is a senior at OSU studying civil engineering. His hometown is Bend. This is his second internship through the CECOP internship program. His first internship was with David Evans and Associates in Portland. He will be an Engineering team member through December and will get a mix of construction inspection work this summer and design experience this winter.

Nicole Gifford just finished her junior year at Oregon State University. She is also studying civil engineering, and her hometown is Roseburg. This is her first internship through the CECOP program and she will be with the Engineering Division for the summer. Her internship will focus on construction inspection.

The third CECOP intern is Michael Corrie, a senior at OSU. This is his second internship. He is from the Portland area. He started in April with Traffic Operations and recently moved over to the Engineering Division where he will spend the summer as a construction inspector and then return to OSU to complete his senior year.



***Partnerships at work: (left to right) Michael Corrie, Nichole Gifford, Eric Goodall***

The Transportation Planning Team in Public Works Engineering has two summer interns from the University of Oregon. Andrew Crampton and Lauren Wirtis are working on the new program, *smarttrips: Eugene*, delivering personalized travel information to residents in the Harlow neighborhood by bicycle. These positions are fully funded through a U.S. Department of Energy grant that is funding the rest of the 2010 *smarttrips* program.

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